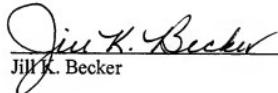


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**Response To Office Action**

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2006 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action is initially due on or before December 1, 2006. Accordingly, the present response is being accompanied by a request for a one month extension of time the grant of which suffices to make the present response timely.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.